(c) There is no Jaldhara scheme for the construction of wells for drinking water.

(d) Drinking water sources are provided under ARWSP and MNP.

[*English*]

Impact of Inflation on Eighth Plan

949. SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Planning Commission is aware of the present rate of inflation by which the financing of the Eighth Plan is likely to be affected;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the steps contemplated by the Planning Commission to mobilised additional resources to finance the Eighth Plan?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. The annual rate of inflation measured in terms of average Wholesale Price Index was 10.3 per cent in 1990-91 and 12.2 per cent during April-August, 1991.

(c) The steps contemplated by the Planning Commission to mobilise additional resources include: maintaining reasonable price stability, reversing the trend of dissaving in the government sector, and improving the operational efficiency of the public enterprises, besides maintaining a high rate of growth in the GDP and encouraging private savings.

[*Translation*]

Housing Schemes formulated by HUDCO

950. SHRI RAM NARAIN BERWA: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state the number of Housing Schemes formulated by HUDCO in the small towns during each of the last three years, State-wise and the target achieved thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): HUDCO does not formulate housing schemes. It, however, provides financial assistance for implementation of housing projects formulated by State and local level housing agencies in rural and urban areas. State-wise loans sanctioned by HUDCO during the last three years for construction of houses in urban areas is given in the statement below:-

Separate breakup for small towns is not available.

Sl. No.	*Name of the State*	*Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crores)*		
		88-89	89-90	90-91
1.	Andhra Pradesh	43.42	42.70	80.25
2.	Arunachal Pradesh	2.60	1.41	-
3.	Assam	3.57	3.65	25.44
4.	Bihar	7.16	17.29	24.50

Sl. No.	*Name of the State*	*Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crores)*		
		88-89	89-90	90-91
5.	Goa	1.05	-	-
6.	Gujarat	54.47	82.55	44.51
7.	Himachal Pradesh	0.27	8.16	1.16
8.	Haryana	2.96	9.81	12.42
9.	J&K	4.48	2.46	2.76
10.	Kerala	35.92	81.31	72.43
11.	Karnataka	34.16	51.55	27.40
12.	Madhya Pradesh	26.02	56.30	50.92
13.	Maharashtra	32.31	55.45	179.03
14.	Manipur	-	5.12	7.13
15.	Meghalaya	0.90	0.58	6.16
16.	Mizoram	2.25	5.03	-
17.	Nagaland	3.00	3.50	5.00
18.	Orissa	15.37	26.14	45.99
19.	Punjab	11.97	14.53	36.63
20.	Rajasthan	27.34	36.66	53.43
21.	Sikkim	-	4.23	12.25
22.	Tamil Nadu	84.31	107.28	166.81
23.	Tripura	-	3.07	0.87
24.	Uttar Pradesh	118.70	178.34	280.54
25.	West Bengal	17.41	19.67	75.21

Sl. No.	*Name of the State*	*Loan sanctioned (Rs. in crores)*		
		88-89	89-90	90-91
26.	A & N Islands	0.44	0.47	0.63
27.	Chandigarh	5.11	1.93	8.70
28.	Delhi	11.12	0.21	0.54
29.	Dadra & N.H.	-	-	-
30.	Pondicherry	0.78	2.97	-
31.	Lakshdweep	-	-	-
	Total	547.09	822.37	1270.71

HUDCO has sanctioned since inception 17.69 lakhs dwelling units in urban areas.

[*English*]

Working Group on Consumers Protection Act, 1986

951. SHRI V. SBHANADREESWARA RAO VADDE: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Working Group which has examined the working of Consumers Protection Act, 1986 has submitted its recommendations;

(b) whether the Government have taken any decision to correct the deficiencies that have been observed in the implementation of Consumers Protection Act, 1986; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c). Sometime back, certain procedural deficiencies regarding the quorum of the National Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission/State Consumer Disputes Redressal Commissions/District Consumer Disputes Redressal Forums were brought to the notice of the Central Government. These deficiencies were removed by promulgating the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Ordinance, 1991 which has since been replaced by the Consumer Protection (Amendment) Act, 1991.

Committee to Review the Gadgil Formula

952. SHRI M.V.V.S. MURTHY: Will the Minister of PLANNING AND PROGRAMME IMPLEMENTATION be pleased to state:

(a) the composition and terms of reference of the Committee headed by Shri Pranab Mukherjee to review the Gadgil formula for Central assistance to States;

(b) whether the committee has submitted its report; and

(c) if so, the recommendations made by the Committee?